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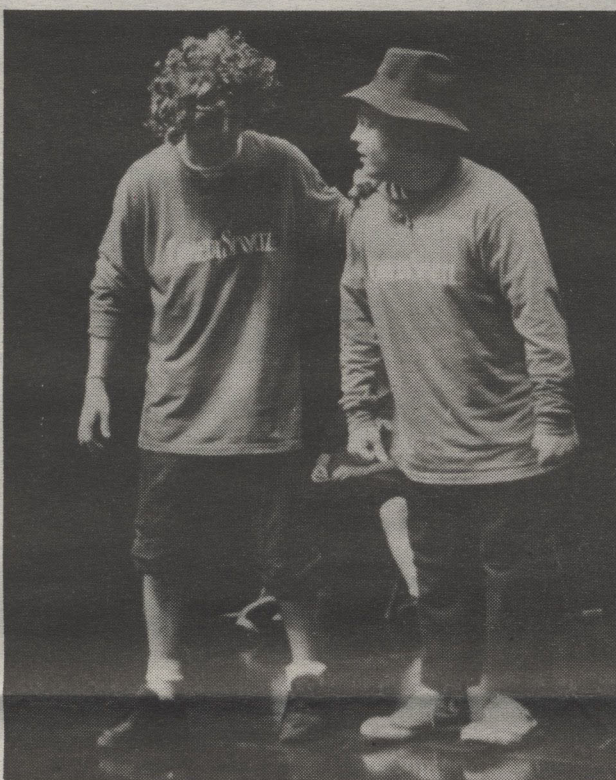
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Comedysportz makes a splash



Laura DeJong

Sharks Red recover from an early deficit with an outstanding performance in the final game.

by Sue VanderMay
Staff Reporter

The score is 27-Sharks Red, 28-Jets Blue. It is the final round of the game, Foot-in-Mouth, to determine the winner. The referee blows his whistle, and the competition begins. Each team

member must give an inappropriate one-liner for an audience-given situation, such as a funeral or as a grocery store checker. With 45 seconds for each situation, the Sharks surpass the Jets with their poor, faux-pas phrases winning the competition.

For those of you who attended Comedysportz on Friday evening, September 12, at the Te Paske Theatre, you will agree with me that the laughter was irrepressible. Comedysportz is a competitive improvisation based on audience suggestions. In games like "A Day in the Life" or "The Home Shopping Network Game", actors build on random lines thrown out by audience members, trying to make it all connect. Because it is improvisation, inevitably there will be goof-ups in actions and words, and because of the uncontrolled subject matter, each event is a surprise for the audience and the actors.

Comedysportz was presented to Dordt students and the Sioux Center community by a small group from Kansas City, Missouri. This type of theatre not only appeals to theatre buffs but also to anyone with a competitive nature and a sense of humor. Audience members covered a wide spectrum of age groups. According to the referee, "Comedysportz is a family show." With the help of the audience as referees, bad jokes or inappropriate actions would be curbed with a "groaner foul" or a "brown bag foul." The audience was very receptive of the Kansas City group and participated readily. With a turnout of more than 450 people, Comedysportz was a success.

Students learn spontaneity

by Melissa Phaneuf
Staff Reporter

Saturday's Improv Workshop gave participants a clearer understanding of spontaneity and risk. Nearly 30 Dordt students along with Theatre Arts Professors Simon duToit, John Holland, and Jeri Schelhaas gathered in the Aerobics Room of the new Recreational Center (ooh, ahh) to listen and learn from Free-lance Improvisation Artist Jeff Wirth.

Wirth is from Portland, Oregon, and he is the author of the book, *Interactive Acting*.

At the Improv Workshop, Wirth taught several games that emphasized trust and creativity. Professor Simon du Toit says, "The sound ball game was a good beginning level exercise because it forced spontaneity, focus, and intensity." With this particular game, students gave and received different sounds at a very rapid pace without losing focus.

Another game that Wirth called "Ralphing" consisted of students getting up in front of small groups and for 30 seconds saying any words that came from their heads. This game involved the most risk-taking because it involved a lot of trust from fellow students.

Sarah Bliss, a Senior English/Theatre Major, summed up the workshop best when she said, "Mr. Wirth forced us to figure out why we were doing what we were doing. There was always a reason for the activities in which we participated."

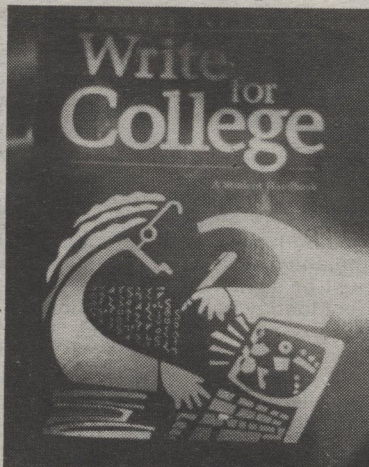
Writing Across the Curriculum

by Hannah Atwood
Staff Reporter

This year at Dordt College every incoming freshman, as well as every professor, purchased a book called *Write For College*. The new book, though similar to *Writers' Inc.*—a book designed primarily for high schools—focuses more on the actual writing and stylistic terms. It is geared to help students who have basic high-school grammar skills to write well at the college level. The book is aimed to improve writing not only in English courses, but also in other fields of study. According to Dordt English professor Dave Schelhaas, this book will, by the time this year's freshmen reach their senior year, belong to every student

and faculty member at Dordt College. The reason for this? To give every student and every professor the same set of guidelines from which to work and to help students in all fields of study improve their writing skills.

This summer, co-author of *Write for College*, and former Dordt theatre professor, Vern Meyer, held a faculty workshop to introduce the new text and to encourage the idea of "Writing Across the Curriculum." The basic principle of "WAC" is to stress the importance of good writing for every student, regardless of major or field of study. Writing, says Schelhaas, is important in every program at Dordt. Students will need the skills to put their thoughts into words that can be clearly understood, whether they are studying



Laura DeJong

new to Dordt; it has been employed in classes including one English 101 class, co-taught by Schelhaas and Chris Goedhart (professor of Agriculture). This class integrates English and Environmental Studies. However, the new writing handbook and the increased emphasis on WAC are intended to bring better writing skills into every area of study at Dordt and in ways before unused by the college.

The book *Write for College* is intended to be a handy reference for all students in writing everything from research papers to lecture notes. And good writing should, by the time this year's freshmen graduate, be an indispensable part of a Dordt education.

Library under construction for second year

by Sean Gregg
Staff Reporter

Please excuse our mess... we're under construction! For the second year in a row the library has had major changes. It all began when maintenance installed a new air handler. According to Sheryl Taylor the building still uses its original steam heating system. If it was hot outside you could turn it off. "The spring and fall is when it killed us" said Taylor. Those who have been in the library in past years know how stuffy it could get in the evening when it was full of students.

The learning resource center has been moved upstairs. According to Taylor the LRC had been on the table for years. Maintenance tried to find a way to better control the climate of the LRC. It was determined this summer that they could not improve it. The decision was made to move the LRC to its current location upstairs. This meant that the books that were there had to be moved. Taylor said she never understood why the books were stacked in their old order. Since they had to be moved it was decided to put them in their current location. Now all the books are in "A to Z order" said Taylor.

For now the new quiet study area is in disorder. Maintenance hopes to have the new quiet study area carpeted and have new lighting installed either over Semester break or next summer. Several students have raised the concern that there are not enough tables anymore. Except for three desks that were falling apart "we have not lost any furniture" said Taylor.

The changes in the library are related by one thing leading to another. The projects will be completed when the study area gets its new lighting and carpet. That will make these rooms "into a very nice study area"

Veldkamps teach, learn in China

by Kendra Van Duyn
Staff Reporter

In the four years that I have been at Dordt, one of the big topics of discussion amongst students was whether or not freshmen should have a curfew. Students reasoned that since they were in college, they were responsible enough to get homework done without having a curfew.

For those who think a curfew seems strict, just imagine attending a college in China. At the university where Professor and Mrs. Veldkamp taught English last year, life was so regimented that the electricity was turned off in the dorms at 11:00 p.m. and all students were required to go to bed. Then, at 6:30 a.m. All students were woken up for campus wide exercises.

Although the Veldkamps went to China to teach English, their ultimate mission was to share their love for Christ to their students who live in a country where less than ten percent of the population is Christian. It was a challenge to evangelize because the students have been forever taught that a god does not exist.

Mrs. Veldkamp noted that her students had many false preconceived notions about what Americans were like. Anything they saw on television or in the movies they believed. The college

students were intrigued by the Veldkamps who seemed so compassionate, and who were not wrapped up in worldly wealth and prosperity. For that reason, the students were very appreciative of what the Veldkamps were doing.

The contentedness of the students was one thing the Veldkamps noticed about their students. Even though they did not have very much, they always seemed content. (the average dorm for four students was the size of a Dordt professor's office, which did not include running water).

Respect for elders was very evident in China. For many of the English students, their career goal was to get good jobs so that they could earn enough money to care for their elderly grandparents.

One of the things Mr. Veldkamp noticed in his classes was the respect students had for their professors. When ever a student was late, he/she would stand at the door and ask for permission to enter, and all students stood up to answer a question or respond to the teacher.

For the Veldkamps it was a truly rewarding experience, especially due to the close bonds they made with their students. They are hoping to return to China next year to continue their ministry at the college.

World mourns death of two leading ladies

World Mourns Death of Two Leading Ladies
Brenda Heuker

Much media attention has been given in the last two weeks to the deaths of two female world figures - Princess Diana and Mother Teresa. Comparisons and distinctions have been pointed out in their lifestyles and also in the coverage of their deaths. The Sept. 22 issue of *Newsweek* even commented that Mother Teresa only received as much media coverage as she did due to penatant guilt over the coverage of Diana. *Time* pointed out, however, that "Mother would probably have recoiled at the extravagaza." Probably true considering that the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner asked that the traditional celebration dinner be forgone and the money given to the poor.

Some may disagree with Mother Teresa's request, pointing to the situation when Jesus said, "The poor you will always have with you," after he was annointed with expensive perfume. This declaration, however, was not an excuse to make poverty acceptable, but rather a justification for the peoples' need to show affection. Although Mother Teresa was not Christ, she was a follower of his teachings. And, although she made a different request, the people also came to show their affection for her. In fact, 200,000 people came daily to pay respects to Mother Teresa, founder of Calcutta's Order of the Missionaries of Charity (currently directed by Sister Nirmala).

For those who know little about Calcutta, it is the capital, seaport city of West Bengal, India; former capital of British India. The

city is three-fourths muslim, and follows a pattern of religious and class segregation initiated by racial separation under British rule. One-third of the cities population live in bustees (small, unsanitary slums). An astounding figure considering that Calcutta is a city of 40 square miles and an average of 85,500 people live in each of those squares. This is the city Mother Teresa called home.

However, most recent media coverage of the death of Mother Teresa, similar to the coverage of Princess Diana, has not focused on Calcutta, but on the media itself. New York City Cardinal John O'Conner condemned the media Tuesday for the tastless coverage of the life and work of Mother Teresa. For example, NBC's funeral coverage with Tom Brokaw focused less on Mother Teresa's decades of service and more on the recent criticisms of her work. Criticisms such as calling her "Saint of the Gutters," (referring to her philosophy of physically helping the poor instead of challanging government policy) and criticism of her disapproval of birth control and abortion as forms of population control (disapproval she vocalized in a White House speech were she disagreed with President Clinton on his stance on these issues).

Granted, Mother Teresa was not perfect, but she was obviously appreciated, admired, and mourned by millions. Her contributions to humanity will be sorely missed. But we can all learn a lesson from Mother Teresa. May the biggest criticism of all of us when we die be that we were "Saints of the Gutter."

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| 1. Time blocks | ** | 8. Test taking strategies | o |
| (could use more evening space) | | 9. Memory tips | o |
| 2. Monthly calendars | *** | 10. Event Management | o |
| 3. Things to Do list | *** | 11. Study tips | o |
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| 5. Verse of the Week | *** | 13. Commuter Strategies | - |
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| 7. Semester Planner | ** | 15. Numbers/Email Addr. | ** |
| (needs directions) | | 16. Size/Shape | ***! |

Legend: - Not needed
o Good for freshmen
* Needs improvement
** Better than last year
*** Great as is

Planner Overheard: "Without my planner, I am nothing."

Was Dordt Ready For Us? A Few Campus Matters

by Stephanie Brown
Staff Reporter

Perhaps students have noticed that Dordt has made a few subtle improvements over the summer. You know, subtle things, like the Rec Center, (affectionately, Battlestar Galactica). Most agree that the Rec Center enriches our lives, but so do other little things like computers and parking spots.

Of course, it may be jumping the gun to make a direct correlation between the fact that the Rec Center is up, scrubbed, and shining while other campus matters are suffering, and yet, one can't help but sniff neglect. (Or, more likely, just overambition.)

On registration day upperclassmen arriving after 9:30am (or so) were denied planners. More planners didn't arrive until the 8th resulting in two whole weeks of completely unplanned activities.

Over in the basement of the library a nice line of computers have nestled into their new home, which is fine, except that the Macs were not hooked up to printers until the 5th, making them of little use. Perhaps this was of no consequence to the majority non-Mac users, but for those of us old-schoolers who rely on the Macs and have personal Macs lacking printers, it was an extreme inconvenience.

The personal library carrels are also in transition and students will not be allowed to reserve them until spring semester.

East campus has been a hazard of parking. The new Siberia lot finally had its grand

opening early this week—which should help matters. (Would it be too much to ask for a few night lights out there?) Meanwhile, it looks like Dordt has been pulling in, quite a bit of revenue on parking tickets in front of the Rec Center, which is (newly) off limits to students.?)

Southview residents were not happy to find that the 4th floor computers had been tossed—which means no NET access for Southview. Of course there are other subtle improvements in the building. Like SV 107 which is serving its first year as an apartment for seven girls. A few students may recognize SV 107 as the old Community room. Well, out with community, in with drywall. This "creative living" accomodation is large but has no outside window. The makeshift walls don't quite reach the ceiling—which has water damage from a shower upstairs. The girls tote a key to their bathroom down the hall and hang clothing on water pipes. The brave residents claim, "It's not as bad as you'd think—definitely better than living in building D."

While I'm grumbling about Southview . . . If your garberator sounds like it's chewing on cutlerly, don't bother calling maintenance. It's supposed to sound that way.

But certainly housing can't be as bad as the rumors . . . Are there really girls living in the basement of East hall? Are the toilets in West Hall running yet? Do they stop running?

Well, at least we have the Rec Center.

PICTURE POLL: PLANNER PONDERINGS

by Sarah Bliss

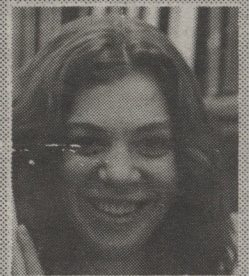
Photos by Laura DeJong

What do you put in your planner?



Chris Straatman
Freshman
Lansing, IL

I haven't learned how to use it yet. This college thing is new to me.



Vicky Boskers
Sophomore
Red Deer, AB

I put my weekend plans in it.



Amy Wielinga
Junior
Emo, ON

I keep track of holidays, and I color in it. I don't care about the sports events though.



Kristie Gritters
Senior
Cerritos, CA

I don't really use it. I see what's happening.

Date Rape Trial: Guilty as charged?

by Susan Vandermeer
Features Editor
and Cheryl Wierda
Staff Reporter

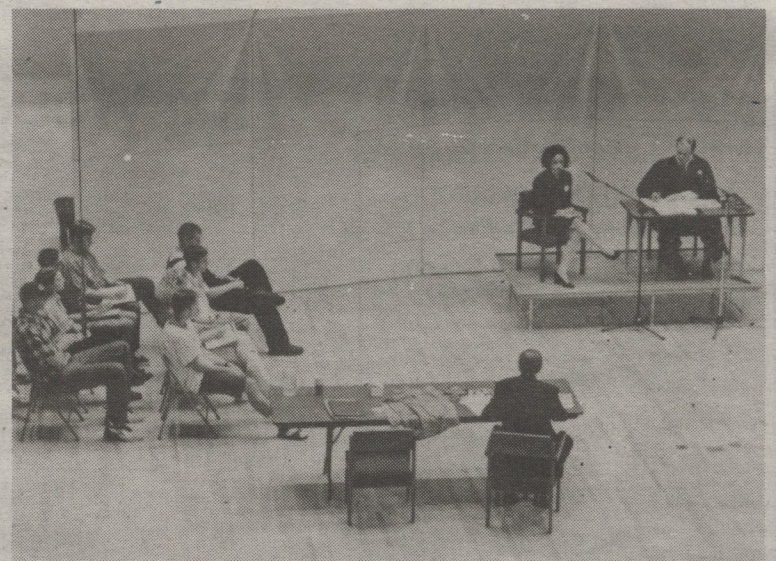
"I want to take you back to January 28, 1997..." These were the opening words of the prosecuting attorney, and also the words that began the Dordt's mock Date Rape Trial on Thursday, September 11, 1997.

The attorney's, Mark Scouten as prosecuting and Ben Klun as defense, did exactly that, with the help of Judge Tim Rylarsdam and various individuals who volunteered to role play the characters involved in the case.

It all started at a party- typical party and typical situation. Clint meets Vicky, they drink enough and take the party back to his apartment, where it turns into a nightmare. Now it is a battle of the truth. What really happened? The decision was up to the jury, composed of twelve freshmen. It was his word against hers, and their decision: Guilty or not guilty?

While the jury decided this, a brief discussion period took place in which various questions were raised by individuals in the audience concerning the attorneys' arguments. Then came the final verdict, finding Clint guilty, resulting in his arrest.

The verdict, however, was not fully agreed upon by all the



Andy Strayers

Students serve as jurors and witnesses in mock trial.

jurors. Initially three people found Clint not guilty, and two were undecided. One juror, Isaiah Vreeman, said that Clint was "not guilty. There was enough reasonable doubt in my head, and they were both drunk." Other jurors found that there was not enough time to talk over the case. Kim de Groot said, "I voted not guilty because there may have been a reasonable doubt. But I still don't know. I would have liked to talk about it more among the jury." Luke Isham said, "I thought that he was not guilty- it was physically impossible." Many others

were sure. "Completely guilty. He had no right to take advantage of her like that. She said no," were some of the comments made after the trial.

Despite the indecisiveness of the jury, the trial proved to be a good opportunity for all those present to determine their own beliefs on the issue of date rape. Many reminders were made about how to avoid such situations and how to deal with it if it does occur. Even on Dordt's campus such an issue is raised and the trial increased awareness of date rape, in hopes to prevent it in the future.

Challenge to the Community



Our new page design should tell you that things are changing here at the *Diamond*. However, the changes are more than the superficial things we can do with computer layout. The biggest change at the *Diamond* is its mission.

Mission? Hold on a second. The *Diamond* has a mission?

Well, it does now. This isn't some philosophical or theological abstraction. It's actually quite simple. That's the beauty of it.

I think that the best way to describe what I am trying to say would be to give you some background information.

This summer I was at Sonshine '97, a Christian band festival. Between songs, a band named the O.C. Supertones said something that caught my attention. One of the goals the band had set for themselves was to challenge the church.

The O.C. Supertones weren't restricting their challenge to one denomination. No, they were out to challenge the church universal with their sound and lyrics.

If the lyrics were about a touchy subject, they weren't going to whisper their message. I have a feeling that nothing could stop them from singing their challenge.

They weren't going to settle for a passive

audience. My fellow concert-goers and I could not just stand there and nod our heads in approval.

Alright then, so what does a band have to do with the Dordt College *Diamond*?

Well, here it is. The mission for the *Diamond* is to "Challenge the Dordt College community."

In talking about the Dordt community, I am opposed to this newspaper is restricting its challenge to the students at Dordt College. Like the Supertones, I want to challenge the whole community in which we live. This includes the professors at Dordt, the city of Sioux Center, our relations with other colleges, and our place in the world.

The *Diamond* is going to try to address the issues that affect this campus, whether they affect a few people or the whole campus. I want to address the hard issues that face the community. Don't expect us to be quiet!

Finally, the staff of the *Diamond* expects our audience to be active. Now, I have a feeling that this might be the hardest to accomplish. I think there is a good portion of this campus that may just smile and nod their head after reading the *Diamond*.

However, if we are going to have any success in challenging the Dordt community, we need you to challenge us as well.

If there are issues on this campus that you have strong feelings about, let us know what they are. This page is meant to be your page. In order for the *Diamond* to be a community newspaper, it needs your voice.

Letter to the Community

I am writing this to the Dordt community of which I have always had trust in.

I have worked at Dordt for over 13 years. In these years we have had numerous items removed from places where most students have no reason to be. Usually it is small items such as tissue, cleaning supplies, and some equipment. I was brought up

morning at 6:30. I went to the library hoping it was still there. It was not. After checking with all of the people who might have picked it up to return it to me, I came to the conclusion that someone took it with no intention of returning it. A student said he saw it at 10:00 pm, which means it was removed between 10:00 pm and 12:00

midnight.

The drill and all that was inside the case, which is identified with Dordt numbers, is valued at \$300.00.

I still have hope that it will be returned and I still have trust in the Dordt

"I was brought up that to believe that taking something that didn't belong to you was called stealing..."

that taking something that didn't belong to you was called stealing, so when things are missing I always question how a person could take something without having

a guilty conscience besides the fact that the commandments say you may not steal.

Sometimes things are left behind without intending to leave them there. This happened Thursday, September 4. A couple of students and I were working in the library. When we left, we unintentionally left a Black and Dekker battery drill in its case, setting in the entrance of the library.

I did not realize I was missing it until the next

community. I realize that there is only a small percentage of people who do these kinds of things. I thank God for this.

If anyone knows anything about the disappearance of the drill, please contact me at x6409 (Dordt number) or 722-1062 (home number).

Duane Mulder,
Maintenance

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What Would Jesus Do?

Dear Editor,

WWJD? I see these initials on bracelets all over campus, but I wonder if the owners of these bracelets really know what that means.

Would Jesus watch movies like *Jerry Maguire*, *A Time to Kill*, or *Beautiful Women*? The answer is obvious; no. So why are his followers watching these movies on campus?

I believe, as a Christian, that these movies should not be shown here at Dordt. It shows the public that we are just like them. If we are true Christians, we should be different and not of this world.

"For everything in the world-the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does-comes not from the Father-but from the world." (1 John 2:16). The world is a sinful place, and we, as Christians, must not give in

to this behavior. In Psalm 119:37, David said this, "Turn my eyes away from worthless things, preserve my life according to your word." Even back then, David realized that he must ask the Lord to help him resist temptation.

I want you to ask yourself this question when you walk into C160 for a movie: What would Jesus do? Would he watch this? If the answer is no, I strongly encourage you to walk out and be different from this world.

"Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it."

-- J. Wilbur Chapman

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Global Observatory: In Defense of Theron Ware

by Dirk Zwart
Columnist

"The Damnation of Theron Ware," written by the American naturalist Harold Fredrick, is the disturbing story of a young Methodist pastor; someone who never really catches what is going on and doesn't clue in when people are making jest of him. Sad as this might be, how often do you feel like you're wearing Theron's shoes?

Hopefully you catch on to an indicator, like people constantly making reference to your socks or some weird piece of hair sticking up on your head. Either that's the way you are and it won't bother you or like Gomer Pyle you just stand there confused blabbering, "Well gol-ee." Our good friend Theron is like Gomer. Not quite a universal "Everyman," but someone we can relate to on more than one occasion.

This is not only addressed to first year students, but to the whole college assembly. Unknowingly we do some pretty dorkish things. Some go unnoticed and the rest our friends won't let us forget. Changes made to an established system even throws seniors off, like the absence of study carrels in the library or weird access routes in the new recreation coliseum.

While reading this tedious novel, I continually asked myself, "Are these things that I do? Why do I feel so completely useless at times, or like I'm trying to sound more intelligent than I really am?" It is OK to ask yourself these questions and better yet if you can answer them before you go public.

If you really think about it, there are probably things that you do that if someone caught on camera you'd feel embarrassed. I'm not advocating being socially perfect or training to do the Miss America Pageant here, but there might be something that

you do that you'd like to change. Do you occasionally find your self picking your nose during Gen300 or walking with your neck hyper-extended? Like an addiction, you can overcome these things by consciously combatting them. Give yourself prizes for getting through a whole class without landing some nose gobblins.

The other point I made was trying to sound more intelligent than you are. Guess what? We're all in school and trying hard to be informed and talking is one thing that you need time to perfect. Some people make a point of trying to sound intelligent and it's phoney, but let's face it, everyone has times when you try to say something or quote some great reference and it flops in your face. At times I feel I know a lot more than a professor or they really should have stuck with using a grade eight vocabulary. They're human too, facing the same challenges we are. My advice: Smile. Bill Clinton even makes some great blunders when he speaks without a polished script.

Theron finally realized that he was not a good pastor and really had more interest with things outside of the church. What did he do? He went into politics. Which maybe not all that different. Possibly symbolic of all things run by a beurocracy. We could all be Dilbert, waiting for some terrible thing, conceived by the boss, to zap us. However, do not live in fear of the person at the top. I've stressed communication in the past and it's my advice again. Talk to the person at the top or find out how others in the administrative chain relate to your needs or position. A bit of "Wear 'n Tear" can be boring, but it can sure teach some valuable lessons.

Free Press:

Seek out your 'real' friends

by Sarah Walsh
Columnist

Keep in mind before reading this article: we students have a particular kingdom task at the moment, we are called to be students, our first priority is to learn.

Secondly, while also the theme of this article is the importance of developing relationships.

The campus of Dordt College has a great reputation as the friendliest campus in the world, no arguments here. And although I believe that is the right response a Christian college should have in this age of individualism, to tip the scale the other way if you will, I also think that we have swung the pendulum too far. I do not mean to discredit saying hi to people as you walk to class or the sub to check your mail. I am completely in support of friendliness- who knows whose day you may brighten with your pearly whites.

The point is: we have a tendency to get in over our heads as far as obligations are concerned, this also happens often in our friendships. We have such a great desire within us to have deep and meaningful

friendships, but if the only way the longing is met is through multiple acquaintances, we remain wanting, unfulfilled. We establish so many friendships with people that the quality of each one is lowered.

In proverbs 18:24 it states, "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." With fewer companions and a few select close friends, we can devote more time to them and be better friends by having actually time to rejoice with them when they are happy, and cry with them when they are sad.

So let me give you a challenge, stretch your mind a little. There are so many students here, so many unfamiliar faces, and out of the compassion of our hearts we want to get to know each one, but it is impossible. What I have resolved to do myself is to try my hardest to keep my life simple, loving and cherishing the few friends that God has given me. I pray that God will show me who are going to be "real" friends-those who reciprocate the love I give to them.

Comedy League is starting up!

Teams are being formed. If anyone's interested (male or female-- c'mon girls!) contact Jason Vande Brake, this year's coordinator.

Covenant Groups:

If you're interested in leading or just plain being involved in a covenant group,
e-mail jnllhly@dordt.edu.

Focus: Identity crisis

by Jamie Stoy
Columnist

Romans 13:12-14 (NKJV)
"The night is far spent, the day is at hand, therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provisions for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."

Matthew 25: 32-33 (NKJV)
"And He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand but the goats on His left."

In the pasture of The Good Shepherd there lived a little lamb. By his standards he was a good little lamb, he knew who the shepherd was, didn't do many really wrong things, and went to The Rest Day gathering to listen

to the shepherd. Unfortunately, there were some aspects of the little lamb's life that he refused to pass judgement on as either good or bad, but rather, reveled in the activities as socially acceptable. See, the little lamb had a problem with naughty language, disobeying his parents and he wasn't very respectful to the little lady lambs. All in all, although the little lamb saw himself as a lamb he really looked like one of the little goats who didn't know the shepherd, had wild goat parties, and destroyed all the lovely things of the Good Shepherd's pasture.

One day the Good Shepherd came to separate the sheep from the goats. The sheep were to go to the higher winter pastures, where the sun never went down, there was no snow, and a plentiful supply of water, while the goats were to be taken to the slaughterhouse. The little lamb stood proudly in line, his white chest puffed out, as he watched

the sheep walking joyously to the right and the goats walking ignorantly to the left. His mother was before him and he heard the Good Shepherd recognize her, "Hi there little lamb, walk ye into my rest."

The little lamb walked up before the shepherd and grinned happily. The Good Shepherd looked him over and pointed to the left, "Go ye this way."

The little lamb was stunned, he wasn't a goat. Panic set in. "Shepherd, I think you are mistaken, I am a little lamb of your flock."

The shepherd gazed at him sadly, "Little one, you look like a goat to me."

As you claim to be one of His flock, do you look like a little lamb, or is there no difference between you and the goats of this world.

We're ba-ack: Students return

Orientation yields mixed reviews

by Bridget De Yager
Staff Writer

Freshman Orientation—it's the time at the end of August when 400 new freshmen arrive on Dordt's campus. This year's orientation began on Saturday with a barbecue for parents and students, and ended on Tuesday night with a dance.

When asked about how they liked orientation, most of the freshman liked the social aspect best. One peer counselor, Susan Vandermeer, even said "It rocked, it made me want to be a freshman all over again." Although most aspects of orientation were positive, there were a few complaints. Freshman said they weren't given enough free time, they felt too rushed, and they said some of the information given wasn't relevant to them yet.

Ron Rynders and Dr. Kok were a few of the people who made sure orientation went smoothly. Rynders said "Generally I was impressed—a great percentage of the freshman class is very "with-it", and cooperative, and quick." When asked what he hoped the freshmen got out of orientation, he

replied "When they have questions later, I hope they know where to turn. I hope there is not one single freshman who feels that he/she doesn't have a mentor, a friend in their peer counselor for example. I hope they feel enfolded and secure."

When you weigh the positive and negative aspects of freshmen orientation, I would say it was a success. One thing I think all freshmen can agree on is this—even after only three days of orientation, none of us will ever again be able to say we don't know what a reformational worldview is.

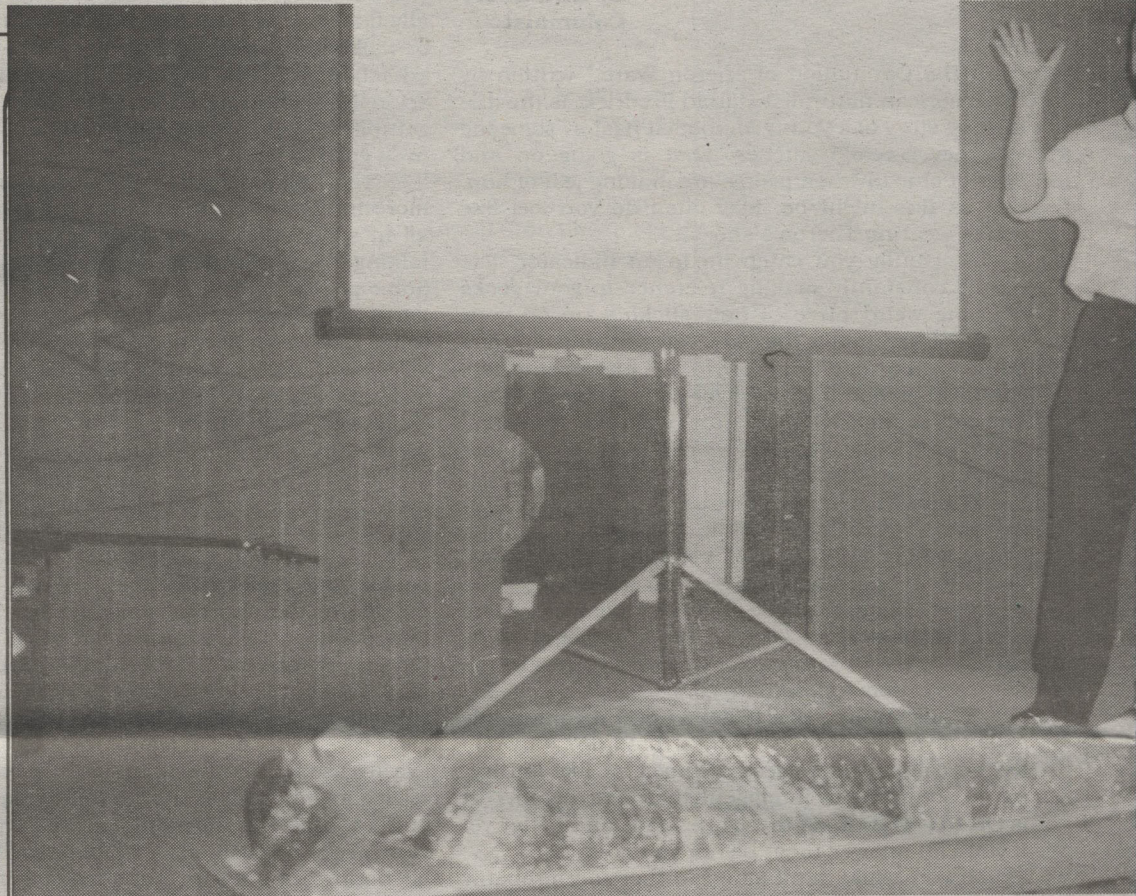


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Retreat speaker Nate Vanderstelt used unique methods to bring his message

Students challenged to be One in Christ

by Lieschen Hoksema
Staff Writer

Buying books, meeting a new roommate, starting new classes, going to retreat at Lake Okobji—all of these experiences reflect our first few weeks at Dordt. The first few weeks of the school have proven to be very busy; especially for the incoming freshmen. Retreat is a time to take a break from our daily routine, get off campus, make new friends, listen to an awesome speaker and music, and generally have a good time.

This year the speaker for the weekend was Nate Vanderstelt. Vanderstelt graduated from Dordt in 1986 and currently is program manager for

Youth Unlimited in Grand Rapids. The theme for the weekend was "One In Christ" based on Ephesians 2:19-23. All of Vanderstelt's messages were based on this theme. He challenged us to leave our comfort zones and give our whole lives to Him.

On Saturday afternoon, in his last message, Vanderstelt told us God calls us to make a difference in this world, to be a risk-taker, to make a stand in His name. Vanderstelt stressed the importance of

both a personal relationship with God and the community of believers in Christ. Vanderstelt's messages were inspiring and

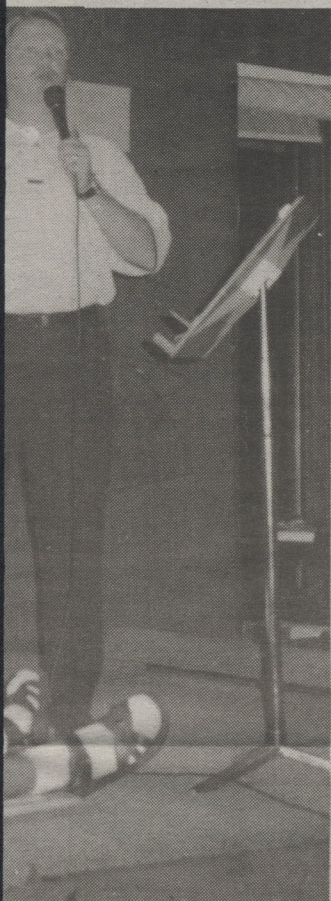
challenged us as college students in our own personal walk with God. Brian Kor commented "I'd have to say the weekend retreat was definitely spiritually enriching."

The whole weekend at Okoboji was packed with activities. Many who attended testified that they got little or no sleep. After the program Friday night, there was a choice of going to the dance, DJ'd by Calen Moerman or checking out the campfire and sing many praise and worship songs led in guitar by Evan Jasper. Most opted for both activities.

Saturday began bright and early, a little too early for most, being awakened by the Retreat Committee with banging pots and pans. Not the most ideal way to be awakened on a Saturday morning, but most craving for a few extra winks of sleep. However, Saturday proved to be a beautiful day, sunny and warm, allowing many to go swimming in the afternoon during the



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our time. The retreat ended with a concert by Pegtop, an increasingly popular band from Minneapolis, MN. Pegtop consisted of three guys who played a wide assortment of instruments including drums made out of tins and other recycled material. Those who enjoyed Pegtop (and judging by the crowd's reaction, they were definitely well-liked!) were able to see them again Sunday night on campus in the B.J. Haan Auditorium.

This year's annual retreat at Okobojo was a definite success. "Except for transportation problems, the retreat was awesome" recalled chairman of the Retreat Committee, Matt Sharpe. Those who attended had a great time and those who didn't miss out on a fantastic weekend. Jeff Dykshoorn summed it up by saying "The retreat was an excellent opportunity to get off campus and have a great time."

R.A.'s, P.C.'s train to build God's kingdom

by Brady Fopma
Staff Writer

One week before Dordt College's campus was about to spring to life for another academic season, a large group of students were preparing in a much different way than most students for the coming school year.

At least 70 sophomores, juniors, and seniors made the trek up to Sioux Center, IA, a week early to participate in "spring training" for resident administrators and peer counselors. This week-long session was based on the theme "One in Spirit and Purpose," and included a camping trip near Lake City, IA. According to Res. Life trainer Becky Starkenburg, "The R.A.'s [and P.C.'s] left the camping trip with a sense of teamwork, unity in spirit and purpose, new and renewed relationships, and trust."

As the freshmen rolled into campus on August 23, the P.C.'s and R.A.'s were set off to work. "After helping a number of freshmen move into their dorms on Saturday, we met in the Rec. Center," sophomore Brent Phillipsen noted. "Here, we met our peer groups for the first time. We only had a few minutes to get to know each other, but I soon realized that this was a group that could have a lot of fun...even as a bunch of Bio majors."

Many of this year's staff of P.C.'s and R.A.'s shared some of their views regarding the joys and concerns of their job. The following is a sampling of their opinions:

"It's very rewarding to just be able to help people. Being a P.C. does not take a lot of effort if you're friendly... it just takes time."

—Marlina Kers

"I like being a P.C. because it is fun to be around all the excitement of moving into the dorms for the first time. I like helping out with the freshman and just being there if they need help."

—Erika Van Duyn

"Being an R.A. is fun 'cause you get to pick your room before everybody else, and you get a key to their room too. I think we have a really awesome group of people on staff this year. Everyone is really open, honest, and loves to have a rock'n good time."

—Amanda Haney

"It's awesome to be around during orientation and get to experience the nervousness and excitement of being a freshman all over again. And each year we get to see Dordt through the eyes of someone who is seeing it for the first time."

—Mindy Buys

"The most rewarding thing about being an R.A. is the community of friends that you can see who are actually happy in

your hall. That has to be about the biggest compliment to both the R.A.'s/C.A. and the residents themselves— to see residents who are enjoying their time at Dordt."

—Evan Jasper

Perhaps the biggest complaint by the R.A.'s is that they are viewed by their residents as "cops" or "bad guys." This is a misconception that many of the R.A.'s would like to clear up. One R.A. states, "Most of the residents only see me as an R.A... That is all I am. I have no personality; all I am is there to bust them if they are doing something wrong." Karen Van Kuiken adds, "R.A.'s are people too. We study, have bad and good days, have lives, and are just like everyone else in many respects."

Becky Starkenburg also notes on the subject, "We do not hire R.A.'s to be policy enforcers, we hire R.A.'s to build up the kingdom of God by serving their residents with love and helping create a community at Dordt College."

As Christians, we should be grateful to God for the R.A.'s and P.C.'s here at Dordt. If you have a spare moment during the day, take some time to thank your R.A. or P.C. for his or her help. They are helping to make D.C. a great place to be!



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A week-long camping session near Lake City, IA gave R.A.'s and P.C.'s a "sense of teamwork, unity in spirit and purpose."

Dordt volleyball women open 1997 season

by Craig Broek
Sport Writer

The Dordt Lady Defenders opened the 1997 volleyball season with two busy weeks as they fought their way through a rigorous schedule.

The Lady Defenders kicked things off on September 3, when Dakota Wesleyan came to town for the season opener. Dordt sent DW home early, wasting no time taking an easy 15-5, 15-9, 15-11 victory.

Dordt was led at the net by Alyssa Van't Hul and Karen Netz with 12 and 11 kills respectively.

Dordt then headed for Orange City over the weekend for the Red Raider Classic. The two-day tournament hosted by Northwestern included eight teams, each playing four games.

Dordt began Friday, September 5, against Palm Beach Atlantic. Dordt dropped the first game by the score of 15-12, but came back to even up the match with a 15-9 victory in game number two. However, that was as far as they would get as the Sailfish took the final two games and the match.

The Lady Defenders played well, but came up a bit short in the end. Dordt was led up front again by Van't Hul, as she tallied 14 kills. Janna Van Donge added three service aces, and was perfect at the service line on all 26 attempts.

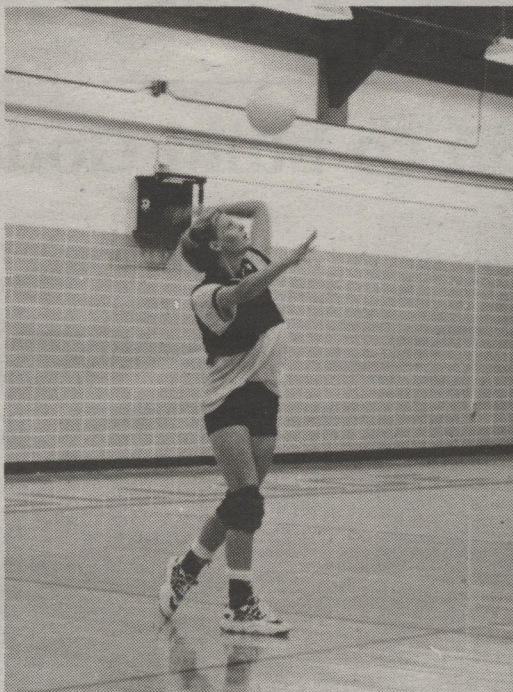
Dordt then faced Doane in their second match of the day. The Lady Defenders got off on the right foot as they took the first two games, each by a score of 15-6, to grab a commanding 2-0 lead.

Doane then mounted a furious comeback, taking game three 15-11, and game four 17-15, which proved to be the big momentum changeover for the game. Doane also took the fifth and final game, 15-6, to take the match, 3-2.

Freshman Karen Netz led Dordt with 18 kills, followed by Mindy Boogerd who had 16. Netz also had five service aces.

Dordt came back the next morning to take on Lee University from Cleveland, Tenn. Dordt made quick work of the Flames, winning 16-14, 15-6 and 15-6.

Dordt had a balanced attack as Mindy Boogerd led with 12 kills. Trisha Brouwer had 10, Janna Van Donge and



Andy Stravers

Suzi Hendricks serves up this ball in action against Briar Cliff.

Karen Netz each had nine, and Alyssa Van't Hul had eight. Colleen Evenhouse doled out 45 assists as Dordt took their first match victory in the tournament.

In the final match of the weekend, Dordt and Kansas Wesleyan took the floor. Dordt fell behind early, dropping the first game 15-9. However, they came back to take the match by winning the next three games, 16-14, 15-13 and 15-7. Karen Netz and Mindy Boogerd added to their season kill totals with 15 and 13, respectively.

The Lady Defenders were back on the court on September 10 when Briar Cliff visited here at Dordt College. Dordt won a hard-fought match in three games, 15-10, 15-10 and 15-13.

Janna Van Donge and Mindy Boogerd each had 14 kills, and Colleen Evenhouse was perfect in 17 attempts from the service line. The victory boosted Dordt's match record to 4-2 for the season.

On Saturday, September 13, Dordt travelled back to Orange City to take on the Red Raiders of Northwestern. Dordt dropped

the opening two games, and found themselves in a bit of a hole.

They managed to claim game three by the score of 15-11, before dropping game four and the match, 15-9.

Van Donge again led the attack with fifteen kills as Boogerd added 14 of her own. Trisha Brouwer was perfect in 20 tries from the service line, but it wasn't enough as the Lady Defenders dropped to 4-3.

Dordt opened its South Dakota-Iowa Conference season last night at Mount Marty. The host Lady Lancers didn't have the steam to get past the Lady Defenders, losing in three. Dordt won by scores of 15-10, 15-11 and 15-13.

The Lady Defenders are in their first year under head coach Tom Vanden Bosch, who finished a 23-year career at Western Christian High School. Vanden Bosch led Western to four state titles and a career record of 709-71.

The Dordt rotation includes seven players who see most of the action, none of whom are seniors this year. Returning to this year's team are Janna Van Donge, a junior outside hitter from Sioux Center; Mindy Boogerd, also a junior outside hitter from Rock Valley; Alyssa Van't Hul, a sophomore outside hitter from Rock Valley who saw limited action as a freshman due to a knee injury; and Trisha Brouwer, a sophomore outside hitter from Prinsburg, MN.

New to this year's starting lineup are: the setter, Colleen Evenhouse, a sophomore transfer from Pella; Karen Netz, a freshman middle hitter also from Pella; and Ranae Vander Stelt, a freshman back row specialist from Kuna, Idaho.

Other newcomers to this year's team are: sophomore Joy Tammel, Belleville, ON; and freshmen—Laura Vander Pol, Edgerton, MN; Donielle Beilby, Rock Springs, WY; Melissa Abbe, Salt Lake City, UT; Sherene Stewart, Loveland, CO; Nerissa Ver Velde, Oostberg, WI; and Suzi Hendricks, Nanaimo, B.C. Hendricks has been limited in action this year with a sickness and now, an injury.

The Lady Defenders are on the road for the next week and a half, but will host a big tournament next weekend. On the 26th and 27th, Dordt will play host to the NAIA Tournament, which will bring some of the best teams from Iowa and surrounding states.

Volleyball -- 5-3

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| 9/3 | Dakota Wes. | 3-0 |
| 9/5-6 | Red Rad. Clas | (2-2) |
| 9/10 | Briar Cliff | 3-1 |
| 9/13 | at Northwest | 1-3 |
| 9/17 | at Mt. Marty | 3-0 |
| 9/19-20 | Graceld. Tour. | |
| 9/24 | at Dakota St. | |
| 9/26-27 | NAIA Tourn | |
| 9/30 | at Dakota Wes | |
| 10/6 | at Sioux Falls | |
| 10/8 | at Briar Cliff | |
| 10/11 | Northwest | |
| 10/16 | Blk. Hills St. | |
| 10/17 | SD Tech | |
| 10/18 | Dordt Tourn. | |
| 10/21 | Wayne State | |
| 10/24 | Dakota State | |
| 10/28 | Huron | |
| 10/30 | Westmar | |
| 11/1 | at St. Mary's | |
| 11/4 | at Wayne State | |
| 11/6 | Sioux Falls | |

Men's Soccer -- 1-2

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| 9/6 | at Viterbo | 0-2 |
| 9/13 | at Mart. Luth | 2-0 |
| 9/17 | Bellevue | 0-1 |
| 9/20 | Nrthwst.(MN) | |
| 9/23 | Nrthwst.(IA) | |
| 9/26 | Kansas Wesl. | |
| 10/1 | at Avila | |
| 10/2 | at Park | |
| 10/4 | Univ. Of Mary | |
| 10/9 | Martin Luth. | |
| 10/11 | at Doane | |
| 10/14 | Briar Cliff | |
| 10/18 | Mt. St. Clair | |
| 10/25 | St. Scholast. | |
| 10/28 | at Westmar | |
| 10/31 | at National | |
| 11/1 | at Bethany | |

Women's Soccer -- 3-0-1

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| 9/4 | Nrthwst.(IA) | 3-0 |
| 9/6 | at Viterbo | 8-4 |
| 9/9 | at Southwest | 2-2 |
| 9/13 | at Martin Luth. | 6-0 |
| 9/20 | Nrthwst.(MN) | |
| 9/26 | Kansas Wesl. | |
| 9/27 | Nubr. Wesl. | |
| 9/30 | at Briar Cliff | |
| 10/2 | at Bellevue | |
| 10/4 | Univ. Of Mary | |
| 10/7 | Martin Luth. | |
| 10/11 | at Doane | |
| 10/15 | Westmar | |
| 10/18 | Mt. St. Clair | |
| 10/25 | St. Scholast. | |
| 10/29 | at Nrthwst.(IA) | |
| 10/31 | at National | |
| 11/1 | at Bethany | |

Dordt runners looking for another successful season

by Heidi Bartholomew
Sport Writer

Cross-country has begun. Actually cross-country started when school started.

The freshmen on the team are Ben Groenewold, Jon Hammond, Dale Herredsberg, Marlin Hoogland, Ron Kingma, Nathaniel Kok, Jon Schaap, Heidi Bartholomew, Tabitha Vander Wilt, Sherilyn Vos, and Cheryl Wierda.

The upper classmen of the team include sophomores Darin Arkema, Adam

Blankespoor, Scott DeWeerd, Jeff Summerhays, Eric Vander Kooy, Jon Vander Kooy, Karen denBoer, Lieshen Hoeksema, and Julie Huizenga.

Juniors are Peter Simmons, Micah Vardeman, Cara DeWit, Cathy Palmer, Sarah Pluim, and Becky Van DeGriend. Then those seniors are Jason DeWeerd, Matt Oostra, Lucas Vander Leest, Chad Van Ginkel, April Meuzelaar, Christy Phillips, and Kristen Schemmerhorn.

Dordt hosted an invitational here at Open Space Park on September 5th.

Sophomore Jeff Summerhays took first for the men. Sarah Pluim, a junior, was first for the women. The men took second to Buena Vista by one point, 35 to 36. The women won with 19 points.

The team traveled to Worthington, Minn., to run a 10K (6.2 miles) road race on September 13th. The name of the run was "Turkey Day." Dordt picked up three team trophies.

Becky VanDeGriend, Tabitha Vander Wilt and Catherine Palmer, named their team the "Dordt Diaper Club" and placed 2nd in the women's division.

Eric Vander Kooy, Jon Vander Kooy, and Heidi Bartholomew, named "Team Washington", took 1st in the mixed teams division.

The "Revenge of the Psychadelic Popsicles" team was comprised of Julie Huizenga, Ronald Kingma, and Micah Vardeman. They placed 2nd in the mixed teams division.

The team is working hard and looks forward to their first college meet on Friday the 19th at Buena Vista. Good luck to the team; run hard, and run for the Lord.

Golf team hits links

by Jesse Groen
Sports Writer

With the beginning of school comes the age-old tradition of the golf season. This year is no exception. The season got underway quickly with the first meet of the year on September 2 at the Defender's home course, Sandy Hollow. This year's team consists of four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and four freshmen and is coached by Abe Bos.

Bos, in his 23rd season as men's golf coach, says the main strength of the team is seven consistent golfers. Only five golfers are needed for meets so the team has a little flexibility.

Three individual linksters are being looked to by Bos for leadership this season. Bos expects Dean Kooima to show excellent senior leadership. He says senior Jason Visser also shows good leadership and also brings consistent play to the team. Bos is also looking to sophomore Dave Kooiman for strong play throughout the season. Kooiman currently leads the team with a 38.3 strokes per nine holes average.

Bos believes this year's freshman talent will also contribute to the season. He notes that so far "the freshmen have shown they can play." Bos says he is seeing very consistent play from first year players Dave Altena and Eric Haveman.

Rounding out the top seven on the competition roster are third-year player and senior Dan Addink. According to Bos, Addink and fellow senior Mark Pluimer have given the team improved play over their stints on the team.

Back to the matches. Dordt is doing well so far this season. In the first match of the season, the Defenders tamed Sandy Hollow for a score of 323 and a second place finish behind Westmar University.

On September 8 Dordt travelled to Lake Creek, Iowa for the Buena Vista University Invitational. Dordt, paced by a 76 from Kooiman, took home fifth place honors as Northeast Community College, Westmar, Wayne State and the home team of Buena Vista finished in that order ahead of the Defenders.

The team was on the road again September 9 to New Ulm, Minnesota for a meet. Dordt turned in a card of 336 for a third place finish. Dakota State and Westmar finished neck and neck with scores of 317 and 318 to come in ahead of the Defenders.

For the fourth competition of the year Dordt was again the host. Sandy Hollow yielded a better score this time for the Defenders as they posted a 304,

which was good enough for fourth place behind first-place Wayne State and tied for second Westmar and Northeast Community College.

The Defenders played at a meet hosted by Westmar Tuesday. In a busy field of 13 teams, the men came home with sixth place.

The linksters have a full schedule ahead of them, with the season wrapping up during Tri-State with the South Dakota-Iowa Conference meet at Dakota State.



Andy Stravers

Dave Kooiman spots up this putt.

Defenders just into young season

by Todd Lee
Sports Writer

The Defender soccer team started off the season with a 2-0 loss to Viterbo. Then in a smashing display of soccer skill, the men took out all their "mad-loss aggression" on unsuspecting Dr. Martin Luther. Willy Venant and Jon Pelster scored in the 2-0 road victory at New Ulm, Minn. Saturday the 13th.

Bellevue, Neb., came to Sioux Center yesterday (Wednesday) and pulled a tough win from Dordt's grasp. The visitors slipped in one goal about five minutes before halftime and

made it hold, taking a 1-0 win from the Defenders.

Members of this year's team include seniors Steve Gerritsma, Amos Doornbos, Dan Oppeneer and Erik Van Riessen.

Junior Defenders are Jon Pelster, Willy Venant, Levi Faber and Lamont Bos.

Five sophomores are on the team and, they are Arlan Vander Woude, Chris Muller, Brett Hendricks, Jeff Memmelaar and D. J. Draayer.

Freshman members are Gene Van Dyk, Richard De Jong, Doug Gorter, Phil Vander Kruk, Wes Jackson, Scott Mickelson and, imports from the

Netherlands, Paul Schipper and Michael van der Wolf.

The Defenders are coached by Bill Elgersma, and the manager is Ross Groen.

The team is very diverse in size, ranging from 6'3" Gene Van Dyk and Jeff Memmelaar down to 5'7" Willy Venant and Brett Hendricks, with a good mix of heights in between.

The 1-2 Defenders play next this Saturday against Northwestern (MN). The game follows the women's matchup and should start around 2:00. Dordt also hosts Northwestern (IA) next Tuesday afternoon and Kansas Wesleyan next Friday.

Lady Defenders open up promising soccer season

Women go without loss in first four games

by James De Boer
Sports Editor

Dordt 8, Viterbo 4

The first road game of the year was a long road trip away in La Crosse, Wis. In the first half, Dordt tacked in three goals, but Viterbo put in one of its own.

The keepers found the going tough in the second half. With a relatively quiet first half score of 3-1, the final period produced an explosion of eight goals. Dordt again had the upper hand knocking in five to take the 8-4 win.

Gaskill scored the hat trick to lead the offense. She also assisted on a goal. Sarah Vriend notched a pair of assists. Sheila Jansma and Krikke each scored one goal and assisted on another. Williams, Staal and Leder all scored for Dordt. Christoffels and Heather Broekhuis each scratched on up in the assist column.

Dordt 2, Southw. at State 2

The Lady Defenders were on the road again last Tuesday and saw their winning streak broken. It's not like they lost or anything; they did manage a tie.

Staal and Vriend scored the goals for Dordt.

Dordt 6, Martin Luther 0

Last Saturday wasn't a pretty day for soccer fans in New Ulm, Minn. The women brought their show on the road again and humiliated the home team.

Although the Lady Defenders scored only once in the first half, they unleashed with five netters in the second period for an easy win.

Dordt fired 46 shots on goal while allowing only six. Gaskill and Sheila Jansma were the scoring leaders, each with two goals.

Heather Broekhuis scored one and assisted on two. Krikke joined the show with one goal and one assist. Elenbaas assisted on two scores and Gaskill added an assist.

The Lady Defenders stand at 3-0-1 for the season. The next game is at home this Saturday. Northwestern (MN) comes to town with game time set for high noon.

A pair of Wesleyan schools visit Sioux Center the next weekend in what should be a pair of exciting games. Kansas Wesleyan is here Friday, and Nebraska Wesleyan rolls in Saturday.

Dordt's soccer women are looking forward to a strong season after last year's strong finish in the playoffs. Coach Jeanie Elgersma, leading the team in only its second year of varsity existence, is positive on this year's outlook.

"We're further now than we were 3/4 of the way through last season," Elgersma said of the team. "We're hoping for big things."

Headlining the returners are seniors Krista Krikke and Teresa Jansma. Krikke was last year's top goal-scorer with 13. Junior Heather Williams, who also played a big role on last season's squad, is back as well. Hannah Christoffels is the only other junior on the team.

A talented group of sophomores are back this year. Sheila Jansma, Kelli Holwerda, and Erin Staal all played consistently last season. Becky De Vries sat out last year with an injury but will see some action this year. Teresa Kuiper and Jolyn Vander Wal are sophomores on the team for the first year.

Joining the returnees are a talented group of freshmen. Katie Gaskill has made her presence felt on the front lines early this season. She was named Independent Conference Player of the Week after Dordt's first two games.

Sarah Vriend adds some ability in the midfield. "She has good ball-handling skills," said Coach Elgersma.

Kristin Zomermaand steps in at goal for the Lady Defenders, doing well with two shutouts already this season.

Other freshmen on the team include Stacy Thalen, Tammy Bekker, Teresa Leder, Teresa Hekman, Kathy Elenbaas, Angela Kroese, Heide Broekhuis and Heather Broekhuis.

Dordt 3, Northwestern (IA) 0

The Lady Defenders open their season at home against the Red Raiders. Dordt blew the game open in the second half with three goals for the win.

Krikke scored the first goal of the year before Gaskill brought home a pair. The three assists went to Krikke, Williams and Elenbaas.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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| Thursday, September 18 | Roommate Game 9pm in the SUB lounge |
| Friday, September 19 | Band and Orchestra Pops Concert "Cartoons and Cowboys" Audience: Come dress as a cartoon character or a cowboy. 6:30 in the BJ Haan Auditorium |
| Sunday, September 21 | English Department Reading Original poems, essays, and short stories 9:00pm in S-101 |
| Tuesday, September 23 | Faire Aire Winds Dordt music faculty perform in a woodwind quintet 7:30pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium |
| Friday, September 26 | Music Department Recital 3pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium Comedy League 11pm in the SUB lounge |
| Saturday, September 27 | Jennifer Knapp Concert 9pm in the SUB lounge |
| October 2-3 | Tri-State Break No classes |

Musical recital honors scholarship winners

by Kristin Sybesma
Staff Reporter

The annual Honors Recital on September 16th started off the musical year with a bang as nine scholarship winners (including SIX, yes six aspiring organists) pulled out all the stops and filled the BJ Haan Auditorium with song.

Students competed for various scholarships in vocal, instrumental, and keyboard categories by sending a tape to the music faculty. Two awards were

given to vocalists, one to an instrumentalist, and three to organists. Three other organists received renewable scholarships as freshmen which require them to perform all four years.

Freshmen performing at the event included Jennifer Van Den Hul on violin and organ, Tiffany Brummel on organ, Nicole Tinkenberg on piano, and Pamela Klompjen vocally. The recital provided a chance for many upperclassmen and faculty to enjoy new talent, as well as check out the competition.

Upperclassmen award winners included Kari Zylstra, Denise Postma, Bonnie Runia, and Marlina Kers on organ, along with Ryan Smit for voice.

Though my ears rang for a few hours after the booming of the Casavant, the talent of the performers was impressive, the musical selection nicely varied, and the overall sound wonderful.

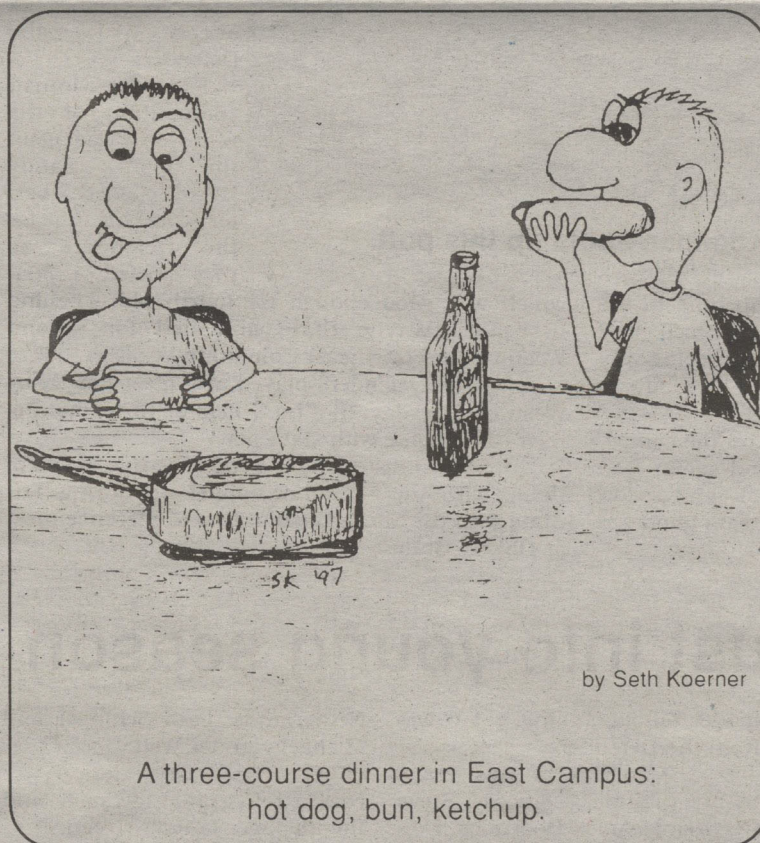
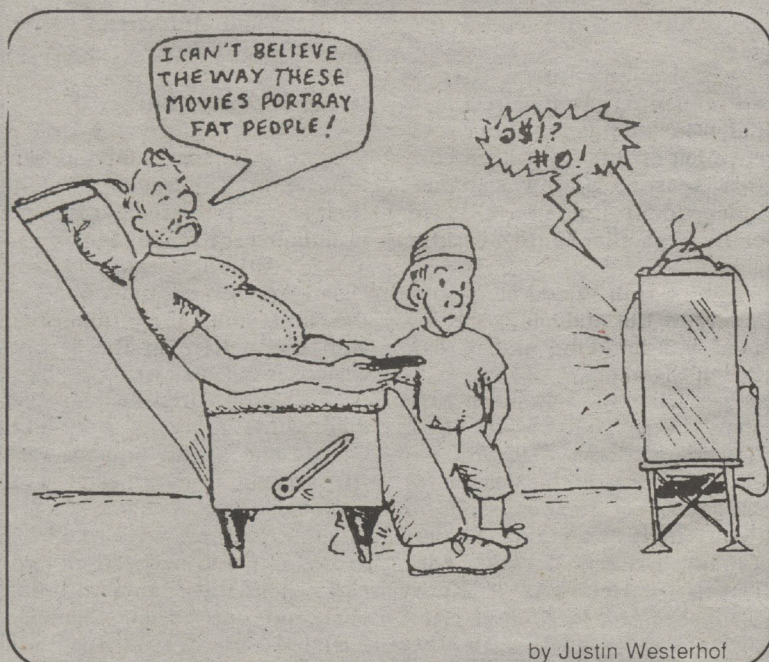
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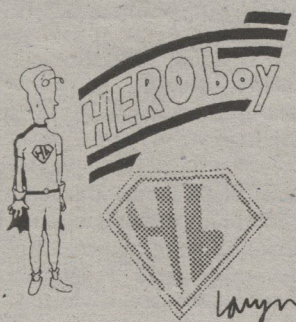
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REVIEWS

Rental Review: *Dangerous Liasons*



by James Van Dyk
Art Critic

First of all, if you have not seen *Dangerous Liasons*, see it. You might think that now I will proceed to extol the virtues of this film in 250 words or less. Yes and no. The film is based on a book of the same title written some time in the 18th century. The plot is basically this: a man and a woman play cruel games with people's emotions in order to exact revenge and have fun. A watered down version of the plot? Yes, but accurate nonetheless.

Two things make this film worth watching. The cinematography. The setting is wonderfully created using lavish castles and gardens, not to mention the costumes. The best scene by far is when the manipulative woman, played by Glenn Close, steps out of a carriage with a wicked grin on her face,

bows her head, looks back up with seemingly heart-felt pity, and embraces a sobbing friend. The audience sees how awfully wicked she really is.

The second, and most important, reason to see this film is John Malkovitch, who plays the lead. The man is pure evil in this film. You see him; you hate him. What makes his acting so good are the small things he does. A gesture here, an expression there. I have not seen a better villain in a long long time.

No, this film does not have a car chase or a big airplane. However, it does have actors in it who can act for a change. *Dangerous Liasons* is available in the drama section at Family Drug.

Book Review: *A Dove of the East*

by Kirstin Vander Giessen
Book Critic

A probing, involved movie—despite the fact that the case says, "Running time: 120 minutes"—will usually take up to three hours, two to watch it and one to contemplate the ideas that were presented. The same is true for the stories in Mark Helprin's *A Dove of the East and Other Stories*.

One notable characteristic of Helprin's stories is their seemingly unresolved endings. Often the reader will not feel a definite sense of conclusion at the end of the story, which is probably because the story is

not finished, even after the last word is written on the last page.

The final actions or thoughts of Helprin's stories are actually reactions toward the entire story has built. The reader is left to interpret that reaction.

Another characteristic of Helprin's stories is the diversity of character and setting. The reader may not be able to believe that every story was written by the same author. In the *London Spectator*, John Gardner commented that Helprin "moves from character to character and from culture to culture as if he'd been born and raised everywhere." Going from the end of one of Helprin's story to the beginning of the next often involves, for example, a mental 24-hour flight from the Jewish Ha Tikva Quarter in Tel Aviv to the mountainous Nevada wilderness.

Overall, Helprin's book fulfills the need for rich physical detail and intellectual involvement. A reader who has no desire for lazy reading and who wishes to take an active part in a story will not be disappointed by *A Dove of the East*.

Book Review: *The Empire's Old Clothes*

by Ryan Vande Kraats
Book Critic

Okay, I want to say right off the bat that I thought that this was an interesting book. Actually, it isn't really a book; it's a collection of several complicated essays that all revolve around a common thesis. So what is that thesis? Ariel Dorfman tells us in his own

words: "This book . . . explores some of the major cultural myths of our time as they have been expressed in popular comic books and magazines, and tries to map out their concealed social and political messages."

What he is trying to relate is that, "we are taught certain styles of violence, the latest fashions, and sex roles by TV, movies, magazines, and comic strips. We are also taught how to succeed, how to love, how to buy, how to conquer, how to forget the past and suppress the future. We are taught more than anything else how not to rebel."

Dorfman takes an extremely close look into some rather common and familiar texts and decodes the underlying coercive evils that these comics and magazines are putting into our brains. From Babar the elephant, to Donald Duck and his relatives, to *Reader's Digest*, all come under the scrutiny of Dorfman's blazing intellect and insight. Sometimes I think he goes a bit nuts with his criticism, but the majority of his accusations are convincing.

The Empire's Old Clothes is now almost twenty years old (Dorfman began the original manuscripts in the late seventies). I would be interested to see what he has to say about the mass media in our culture today. If anything, we have given the media more power.

At the end of his introduction, Dorfman makes a request. Almost. He says, "By asking the readers to take another look at these cultural products, I am in fact challenging them to look at their own selves and their society . . ." Basically he wants us to question our answers, which you might do after reading this book.

U2 Popmart Tour rocks Chicago

by Robert Reitsma
Art Critic

I'm standing in Soldier Field in Chicago looking at an incredible set and feeling quite overwhelmed.

The Popmart stage looks like something out of Alice in Wonderland. A 100-foot cocktail stick juts straight up off the right side of the stage, spearing a 12-foot wide stuffed olive with a glowing palmetto. The world's largest LED screen, 56 feet by 170 feet, provides a constantly active background. A golden arch rises in front of the screen, reaching 100 feet at its peak, with a huge ball of orange speaker cabinets hanging from its apex. A 40-foot tall lemon adorns the right side of the stage.

The sun has finally set and the show is ready to begin. U2 comes out from a side entrance onto the stadium floor, a spotlight following them as a remix blares over the speaker cabinets. Adam Clayton, the bassist, is wearing a bright orange jumpsuit with a helmet and a dust mask. The Edge, the band's guitarist, is wearing a huge ridiculous-looking 10-gallon cowboy hat. Bono, U2's vocalist, is playing a perfect Rocky Balboa.

The band begins its first set with "Mofo," a techno song from their new album. They include old favorites, like "I Will Follow," "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" and "Pride." Some new songs were sprinkled in the mix, including a spell-binding acoustic rendition of "Staring at the Sun," a passionate performance of "Please" and a comical act performed by Bono during "Miami."

The first encore begins with the lemon turning into a disco ball that slowly spins its way to the B-stage where it suddenly stops and breaks apart horizontally to reveal the band inside. A staircase rises from the floor to meet the band and Bono begins singing "Discotheque" a cappella as he strolls down the stairs. The band joins him when he reaches the chorus and the stage floor. The play a few more songs and finish another awesome set.

"Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me" begins the second encore, and the band finishes the show with "All I Want is You."

The U2 Popmart Tour is the most entertaining, brilliant show ever known to rock and roll.

Fall promises to deliver great movies, films

by David Schaap
Art Critic

Summer means high-budget blockbusters with amazing special effects. While these (kinds of) movies seem to attract large audiences (I suppose I'm part of them), they lack quality writing, acting and directing. e.g. *Batman and Robin*. I've seen better writing on soup cans. Anyway, after a summer filled with mindless action and romance movies, the fall promises us great things.

Most of my favorite directors will put out a movie this fall. Oliver Stone directs *U-Turn*, a low budget thriller, and, no, it's not political this time.

The Coen brothers are back with *The*

Big Lebowski. I love these guys. They did *Fargo* and *Raising Arizona*, two of my favorites.

Martin Scorsese is not doing a gangster film, even though I wouldn't mind it. He shot his film, *Kundun*, in Tibet, with no professional actors, only monks. Wow.

The ultra-amusing Woody Allen gives us another comedy, *Deconstructing Harry*.

Quentin Tarantino: you either hate him or you love him. He directs *Jackie Brown*, a film based on a book whose author also wrote *Get Shorty*. We're also getting something from the creators of *Trainspotting*, a romantic comedy (huh?).

There's a whole load of other potentially good films. Brad Pitt will star in another

film shot in Tibet. Francis Coppola is doing a Grisham novel (I'm not sure how I feel about this). Ethan Hawke and Gwyneth Paltrow star in a modern-day *Great Expectations*. There's also a bunch of independent films that look quite promising but are too numerous to mention.

For those who are looking for action movies, check out *Alien Resurrection*, *Starship Troopers*, *Titanic* (originally scheduled for release last July), Michael Crichton's *Sphere*, two movies from the writer of *Scream*, the new James Bond movie and George Clooney in *The Peacemaker*.

Overall, the fall should make up for a summer of *Speed 2*-type movies. One last thing for David Mamet fans—*The Edge*!

New and familiar faces join Dordt faculty

by Heather Kuipers
Staff Reporter

Besides the 425 new freshmen and transfers on campus this fall, a few other new faces dot Dordt's hallways, sidewalks and faculty offices. Yes, they're the new "big men and women on campus"—those professors, instructors and directors that teach us the vital stuff we need to know before we enter the workforce. Dordt also welcomes back a couple of not-so-new, returning professors. Here are the introductions:

Alan Aukeman, Instructor of English, is taking Professor Van Rys's spot for a year. Before coming to Dordt, Aukeman lived in Grand Rapids, where he just completed an M.A. at Michigan State University and worked as a gardener and chauffeur.

Glenn Bouma is the new Rec Center Program Director.

Bret Dorhout joins the

Music Department for one semester as a replacement for Karen DeMol. He is a 1991 Dordt graduate and comes from Rochester, New York.

Erik Hoekstra is new to the Communication Department. Before coming to Dordt, he was General Manager of a large retail floral and gift business in Grand Rapids. One of Hoekstra's best experiences of his married life is the eight-week, 7,000-mile tour that he and his wife took of Europe.

Sherri Lantinga joins the Psychology Department this year. She and her husband, Nick, made a deal when they both entered graduate school that whoever finished first got to choose where to live. "I won, so here we are," she explains.

Canadian Arnold Sikkema is the new Assistant Professor of Physics. In the past 12 months, he and his family have lived in British Columbia, Florida and

now, Iowa. "Maybe we'll learn to love the cornfields," he says optimistically.

Reverend Thomas Soerens joins the Theology Department after 14 years of missionary work in Honduras, where he trained Honduran pastors and helped to start several Christian schools.

Mark Tazelaar is new the Philosophy Department. He and his wife are from Chicago and have four children, including newborn twin sons.

Jim Vandervoerd, Instructor of Social Work, and his wife, Valerie, both graduated from The King's College in Edmonton, Alberta, and completed their B.A.'s at Calvin College. They come from Guelph, Ontario.

And last, but certainly not least (because he's the Diamond Supervisor), is Tim Vos, Instructor of Communication. After graduating from Dordt in 1983, Vos worked as News Director for KDCR for 13 years. He collects old newspapers, the earliest dating back to the late 1600's.

Dordt also welcomes back two familiar faces to campus. Rick Eigenbrood, Professor of Education and Psychology, returns from a year in Washington, and Professor of Mathematics, Arnold Veldkamp, is back after a year of teaching in China.

Student Forum Update

by Kevin Maas
Student Forum Press
Secretary

All of the much-coveted chairs have finally been filled at the hallowed table in the Student Forum conference room, and the 1997-98 Student Forum is ready to make voices of the undergraduates heard. President Zeke Zylstra solemnly pledges "This year, things will be different!" But then he hesitates, thinks, and says "No, this year, we will accomplish even more."

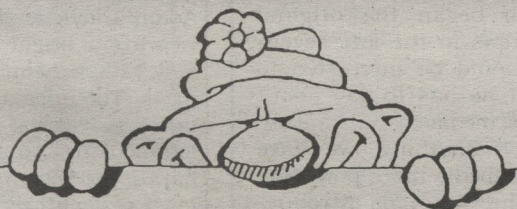
Hopefully, the reason for the president's hesitation is clear. Although this year's Student Forum is hoping to effect changes at Dordt like never before, last year's accomplishments are quite impressive. Everyone who uses their mealcard in the snack bar, uses their cashcard in the ATM machine, or uses old-fashioned currency at a classroom building pop machine will be taking advantage of a Student Forum-prompted change.

But, enough about last year. New for this year is the Student Forum Electronic Suggestion Box. For all students who thought the SUB suggestion box (just behind the new ATM machine!) wasn't convenient enough, there is

sforum@dordt.edu. Have a problem you would like your elected representatives to deal with? Just take a little time during your E-Mail check and write a note to sforum@dordt.edu. What could be easier? And yes, for all who do not like computers, the SUB suggestion box will be retained for the near future.

Not long after this paper comes out, every apartment and dorm room on campus should get a blue plastic container for recycling. These containers, coupled with a number of new dumpsters for recyclable materials, should make earth-happy deeds easier than ever. Be sure to get into the habit of recycling all old notes, books, and other worthless paper products (not to mention glass, cardboard, steel, aluminum, and #1 and #2 plastics!)

In case anyone forgets to read the Student Forum update in the Diamond, copies of the minutes from each meeting are available on the table by the announcement boards in the classroom building. Meetings are held every other Tuesday at 9:30 PM in the Commons Board Room, and anyone can attend. So, make a Student Forum member happy; make your voice heard this year.



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